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[redacted] a report on the 2nd Rocket Launcher Battalion in Kasperske Hory (N 49-09, E 13-34), which is subordinate to the 2nd Rifle Division in Susice. The report describes the organization, personnel, and equipment of the unit and includes a map sketch showing where its installations are located.

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1. The 2nd Rocket Launcher Battalion located in Kasperske Hory is subordinated to the 2nd Rifle Division in Susice. The battalion was organized in 1951 but the first rocket launchers were supplied only in the second half of 1952. The total number of personnel were: 19 officers, 2 career NCO's, 60-65 national servicemen NCO's and 90 enlisted men. Induction date was 28. October and new recruits were trained collectively in the basic training center (priimac) before they were assigned to various battalion's units. From the middle of May until the end of September the battalion participated in the divisional summer training program at the VVT Glaserwald.

2. Organisation

a. Battalion Headquarters

- b. HQ Company - about 30 enlisted men.
- c. NCO school - about 30 - 35 students.
- d. 1st Battery- about 21 enlisted men.
- e. 2nd Battery " " " "
- f. 3rd Battery " " " "

b. HQ Company.

- 3 radio operators (radios A-7-B)
- 3 telephone operators
- 3 scouts
- 2 (gun) layers
- 3 computers
- 2 dispatch riders
- 3 clerks
- 4 cooks
- 3 drivers

Total: 30 enlisted men.

c. NCO School

The school lasts 9 - 10 months and trains all the NCO's, apart from the drivers, for the battalion.

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d - f. Batteries

Each battery has two rocket launchers. A rocket launcher has the following crew:

Crew leader
Truck driver
Gun layer
Gun loader
Two ammunition carriers.

Apart from the rocket launchers crews, each battery has the following personnel:

Radio operator
Four telephone operators
Computer
Two or three scouts
Drivers.

Equipment of a battery:

Two rocket launchers carrying trucks
Two Tarasnice AT-launchers
Two light machine guns
20 rifles 98 N
15 submachine guns 7.62 mm
1 jeep
2 Praga RN trucks
1 Bedford truck.

3. Equipment

The total numbers of equipment of the battalion were as follows:

6 rocket launcher carrying trucks
6 Tarasnice AT-launchers
10 light machine guns of an obsolete type
about 100 rifles 98 N
" 60 submachine guns 7.62 mm
hand grenades
AT mines
8 Praga RN trucks
4 Bedford trucks
3 Praga A 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks
3 jeeps
6 motorcycles Jawa 250 cu.cm.

The vehicles were obsolete, their number was under the T/E requirements and usually about 50% of the vehicles were out of use for the lack of spare parts.

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4. Personnel

Capt. Slopvacek (fnu), battalion's commanding officer.

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Sr. Lt. Novak (fnu), chief of the staff.

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Lt. Horesovsky (fnu), commander of the HQ Company.

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Lt. Miroslav Suchanek, 1st Battery commander.

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Lt. Cudrak (fnu), 1st Battery deputy commander.

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Lt. Pantocok (fnu), 2nd battery commander;

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Lt. Holy (fnu), 2nd Battery deputy commander.

Lt. Vesely (fnu), 3rd Battery commander and also NCO school commander.

Lt. Hadaska (fnu), 3rd Battery deputy commander.

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Legend for the sketch

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1. Battalion's HQ; two-storied, 20 x 15 m.

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2. Men's quarters; former cloister buildings - 4 buildings in a large garden.

The main building is L-shaped, two-storied, 40 x 20 m and 30 x 10 m, renovated recently; it contains: messhall, stores, telephone switchboard and lecture rooms downstairs, 2nd and 3rd Battery's quarters upstairs.

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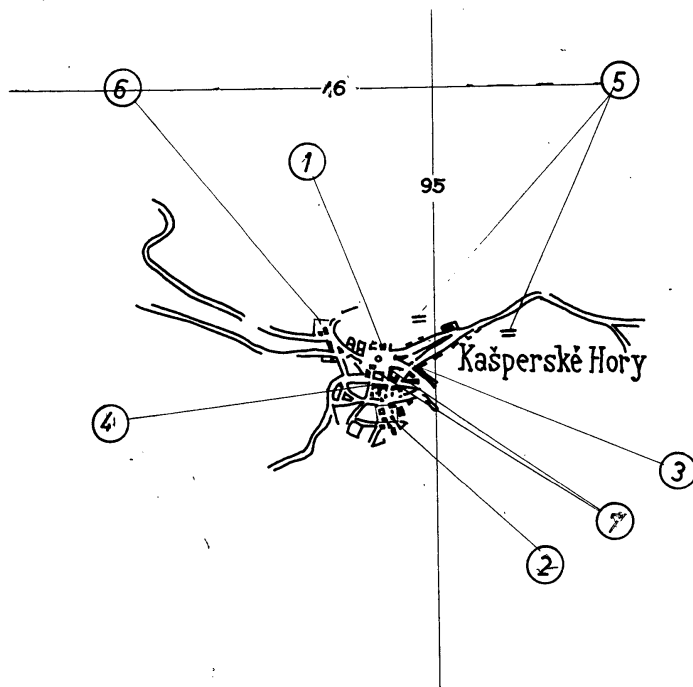
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South of the main building is a two-storied house about 10 x 10 m which contains the dispensary.

In the south-east corner of the garden is another two-storied house about 15 x 15 m large which contains the 1st Battery quarters.

Along the north side of the area is a row of wooden sheds used as warehouse and garages.

3. Battalion's NCO School; a corner, two-storied building, north of the road leading to Vimperk, L-shaped. It houses NCO School.
4. HQ Company quarters; two-storied, corner building, about 10 x 10 m large. It contains quarters, lecture room and offices.
5. Officers family quarters; newly built, two-storied, 40 x 20 m each, four in all.
6. Divisional Reconnaissance Company of the 2nd Division; two older, two-storied buildings and one, newly built, ground-floor building.
7. PS Barracks belonging to PS units of the Susice PS Brigade. PS NCO School is located in the northeast corner of the Square and PS quarters are in a building located approximately in the center of the south side of the Square.



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